

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method of joining a wire, comprising the steps of:
providing the wire having a conducting portion consisting of a plurality of core wires;
restricting a width of the conducting portion on a pressing face of a vibration member;
pressing the core wires of the conducting portion restricted in the restricting step by a pressing face of a pressing member and the pressing face of the vibration member; and
joining the pressed core wires of the conducting portion each other so that the conducting portion is integrally formed into a flat plate-shape;
wherein the pressing face of the vibration member has a flat face; and
wherein the pressing face of the pressing member has a flat face.
2. (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein ultrasonic vibration is applied to the pressed core wires in the joining step.
3. (original): The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
providing a connection member;
setting the conducting portion of the wire to the connection member: and

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applying ultrasonic to the conducting portion and the connection member so as to join
each other.